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SUBSTANCE OF TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

Applicants' representative, Ronald Schoenbaum, conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Nano on January 17, 2006 to discuss the Office Action mailed on November 30, 2005 (hereinafter the "current Office Action"). Prior to the interview, in a voicemail exchange between Mr. Schoenbaum and Mr. Nano, Examiner Nano agreed to withdraw the finality of the current Office Action, and indicated that he had updated the USPTO's database to make the current Office Action non-final. During the interview, Mr. Schoenbaum requested that the Office issue a formal paper indicating that the finality of the current Office Action has been withdrawn.

With respect to the art-based rejection of Claim 1, Mr. Schoenbaum asked Examiner Nano to clarify how he is construing the last subparagraph of the claim to cover the disclosure of Brown et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,912,668). In response, Examiner Nano directed Mr. Schoenbaum to the disclosure in Brown et al. at column 2, lines 15-17, which describes Array Management Functions (AMFs) that "provide concurrent access to the redundancy groups for associated host systems." Mr. Schoenbaum then explained his position that Brown et al.'s disclosure of providing "concurrent access" does not imply or suggest that I/O operations are performed using multiple, concurrent logical connections between a host computer and storage server as recited in Claim 1. Mr. Schoenbaum also briefly explained his position that independent Claims 19, 28 and 34 are not anticipated by Brown et al.

Mr. Schoenbaum also indicated that the claims would be amended to overcome the rejections of Claims 57 and 59 under sections 101 and 112.

No other claims or references were discussed during the interview. Examiner Nano indicated that he would review Brown et al. and reconsider the claims upon Applicants' submission of a formal response.